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THIRD QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production in West Virginia totaled 48 million pounds during the July - September quarter of 2005. This was up 1 million pounds from the same quarter last year but down 1 million pounds from the revised April - June 2005 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 13,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES – Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 44.0 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.05 million head, 27,000 head more than the same period last year.

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